

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes, and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9125–26, H9126, H9181, H9181–82, H9190, H9191, H9191–92, H9195, H9196. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the current impact of Mississippi River transportation on agricultural markets. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and MG Don T. Riley, USA, Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Floyd Gaibler, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

REGIONAL POWERS' MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Armed Services: Regional Powers Panel held a hearing on an overview of regional powers' military capabilities and threats to U.S. interests. Testimony was heard from James R. Lilley, former Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and to the Republic of Korea; and a public witness.

RADICAL ISLAMIC TERRORIST THREAT

Committee on Armed Services: Terrorism and Radical Islam Gap Panel held a hearing on responding to the radical Islamic terrorist threat—the Department of Defense's roles, missions, and capabilities in the Global War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from MG Robert H. Scales, Jr., USA, (ret.), former Commandant, U.S. Army War College; and a public witness.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Approved, as amended, amendments to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); and amendments to the Higher Education Act to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

Will continue tomorrow.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Approved, as amended, reconciliation recommendations for Title I,

Digital Television Transition Act of 2005, for transmission to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

Will continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL PILOT PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3134, Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program and Management Improvement Act of 2005.

RESOLUTION—DIRECTING CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT OF AIRPORT SCREENERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered unfavorably reported H. Res. 463, Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the reapportionment of airport screeners.

ENSURING OPERABILITY DURING CATASTROPHIC EVENTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Ensuring Operability During Catastrophic Events." Testimony was heard from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David Boyd, Director, SAFECOM, Office of Interoperability and Communications; and Peter Fonash, Deputy Manager, National Communications System; Ken Moran, Director, Office of Homeland Security, Enforcement Bureau, FCC; and Linton Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Networks and Information, Integration and Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense.

U.S.-INDIA GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: The Impact of Nonproliferation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Resources: Approved reconciliation recommendations for transition to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

WORLD TRADE CENTER COLLAPSE INVESTIGATION

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the Investigation of the World Trade Center Collapse: Findings, Recommendations and Next Steps. Testimony was heard from William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1721, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters; H.R. 3963, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for Long Island Sound; and H.R. 4125, To permit the Administrator of General Services to make repairs and lease space without approval of a prospectus if the repair or lease is required as a result of damages to buildings or property attributable to Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

The Committee also approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; a Natural Resources Conservation Service Resolution; and GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2006.

The Committee approved recommendations for transmittal to the Committee on the Budget to comply with Reconciliation Directive included in Section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved Entitlement Reconciliation Recommendations, as amended, for transmission to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Military Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S. INTERESTS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): On Tuesday, October 25, Commission concluded a hearing to examine how the United States can best utilize the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in advancing the interests

of the United States, after receiving testimony from Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Forest and Rangeland Research Program of the USDA Forest Service, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up S. 1803, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine Administration's response to hurricane recovery efforts related to energy and to discuss energy policy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine the status of World Trade Organization negotiations, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, S. 692, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in northwestern New Mexico by resolving a dispute associated with coal preference right lease interests on the land, S. 1892, to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date, and S. 1219, to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 1789, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of